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of Durango

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## SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES



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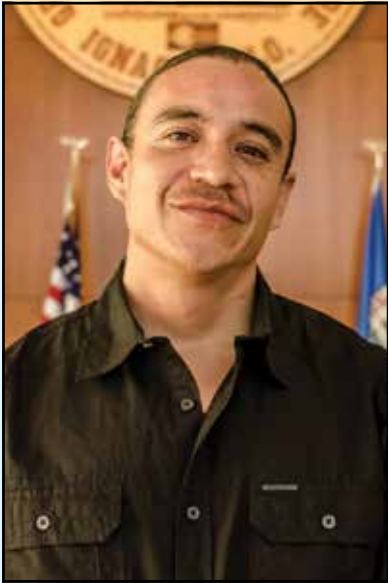
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RAMONA EAGLE



DAVID LATHAM



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**VOTE 2015**  
**SPECIAL ELECTION**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12**  
**7 A.M. – 7 P.M.**  
**SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER**



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The new traffic light that intersects State Highway 172 and County Road 314 is expected to be up and running by mid-February.

## TRANSPORTATION

### Ignacio to have new stoplight operational by mid Feb.

Staff report  
COLORADO DEPARTMENT  
OF TRANSPORTATION

Ignacio will have a new traffic signal in operation next week at State Highway 172 and County Road 314, which will help maintain safety and mobility at this intersection.

CDOT and contractor FCI Constructors will be performing the electrical

tests likely next Wednesday, Feb. 11.

The signal will become fully operational on Wednesday or Thursday.

We are asking motorists to drive with extra caution through this new signalized intersection.

This project also includes a new push button actuated pedestrian crossing to the south of the signal.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Camille Ferguson from Aianta and Edward Hall III from the Bureau of Indian Affairs spoke with Tribal Council on Wednesday, Jan. 28 with the intent of bringing additional tourism to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

## TRIBAL TOURISM

### Aianta discusses tourism opportunities with tribe

By Damon Toledo  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Aianta (American Indian Alaskan Native Tourism Association) is a non-profit association whose purpose is to introduce, grow, and sustain American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian tourism that honors traditions and values. The association is structured to serve as the voice and resource for its constituents, training, and educational resources to tribes, tribal organizations, and

tribal members.

Formed in 1999, the association is made up of tribal members from six regions: Eastern, Plains, Midwest, Southwest, Pacific, and Alaska.

The association paid a visit to the Tribe on Wednesday, Jan. 28 to address the opportunities of bringing tourism to the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The goal is to educate foreigners about the traditions of native communities across Indian Country, while implementing a strong understanding of American

Indian heritage. Camille Ferguson, director of Aianta, and Edward Hall III from the Bureau of Indian Affairs were the guests who spoke with Tribal Council about these opportunities.

“Since we started, we found out the international market wants to know more about the indigenous people,” Camille Ferguson said. “We have the opportunities to bring people to different nations and learn about our history, who we

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## KSUT

### Dr. Franklin to take the mic as executive director of KSUT

By Robert L. Ortiz  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

After an extensive search that extended cross-country, KSUT secured an accomplished radio and television award winner as their new executive director.

Dr. Robert “Bob” Franklin takes the microphone.

“Radio is a theater of the mind. There’s a connection – music plays a significant role. Sound is more powerful; add voice, ambient sounds and the narrative becomes more compelling. It delivers the point through storytelling.”

Franklin originally from Jackson, Miss., honed his chops at numerous universities involved with Public Radio and television production, before earning his doctorate in Heritage Studies from Jackson State University in Jackson, Miss.

Franklin studied, indirectly with different cultures through radio. Discovering different audiences across racial guidelines.

In Jackson, Franklin cut his teeth as an intern at WHBF in a dual role of exploring radio and television, as the two worked in concert, as partners in communication.

Franklin earned his Mas-



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

On Monday, Feb.2, Dr. Robert “Bob” Franklin took the helm as KSUT’s new executive director.

ters Degree at Jackson State University, as a budding producer, producing a documentary about unemployment titled, “Unemployment, Where Do We Go From Here,” and discovering the power of communication, and how radio combined sound and created visually compelling narratives.

Throughout his early years, Franklin realized that television was harder to get into than radio, while at WJSU at Jackson State University, “there’s more job opportunities in radio,” Franklin stated. Thus adding this experience to his growing portfolio.

As a general manager at many radio and television stations, Franklin was immersed in management as

well as media relations. Franklin spoke of this experience, “as a manager/producer, the experience prepared me to be a better executive director for KSUT.”

Franklin was also involved with a syndicated show about health care in the black community, long before there was health care reform. Franklin produced “Like It Is” which aired on the BBC for more than 20 years.

Earning his PHD in Heritage Studies while at Arkansas State University, Franklin produced an award-winning documentary about The Elaine Massacre, rated in the top 5 historical events in Arkansas.

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NATURAL RESOURCES

Address sign replacement

Staff report  
DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The Department of Natural Resources provided orange metal signs during the initial addressing project and will be only providing signs for newly established tribal member home sites. Any replacement signs will be the responsibility of the tribal member.

In the event that a Tribal Member requests an additional or replacement Orange Address sign, some alternatives to obtaining such are listed below.

- Alert Signs – Bayfield, CO - 543 Sower Drive, Bayfield, Colo. Phone: 970-884-0587. One sided 5"x18" orange sign with reflective numbers. \$24. Call ahead to order, available one day after ordering.
- La Plata County Building Dept., Durango CO – 1060 E. 2nd Ave



Address posting guidelines:

All principal buildings shall be required to display an address number in the manner prescribed in these Guidelines.

The resident, occupant, or owner of a building shall display the address number in such a manner as will be plainly visible and legible from a vehicle traveling on the road that is named in the address. The address

numbers shall be displayed at a height of at least four (4') feet above grade and not higher than six (6') feet above grade. All numbers shall be Arabic numerals of at least four (4") inches in height and of a color that contrasts with the background color of the structure supporting the numbers.

When a building is located more than one-hundred (100') feet back from the traveled centerline of the road, or the view of building is obstructed by trees, shrubs, or another building, the address number shall be displayed in the following manner:

On a sign or attached to a fence, tree, or post located within twenty (20') of the centerline of the driveway and between ten (10') feet and twenty (20') feet back from the edge of the traveled roadway. Any sign used to comply with this Guideline must also comply with applicable zoning regulations concerning the location and size of signs.



Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

After administering the oath of office to him, Tribal Court Chief Judge Elaine Newton congrats newly elected Tribal Chairman Clement J. Frost on January 28th, 2005. Frost will serve out the remaining term of former Chairman Howard D. Richards, which is set to expire in December of 2005.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 4, 2005, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

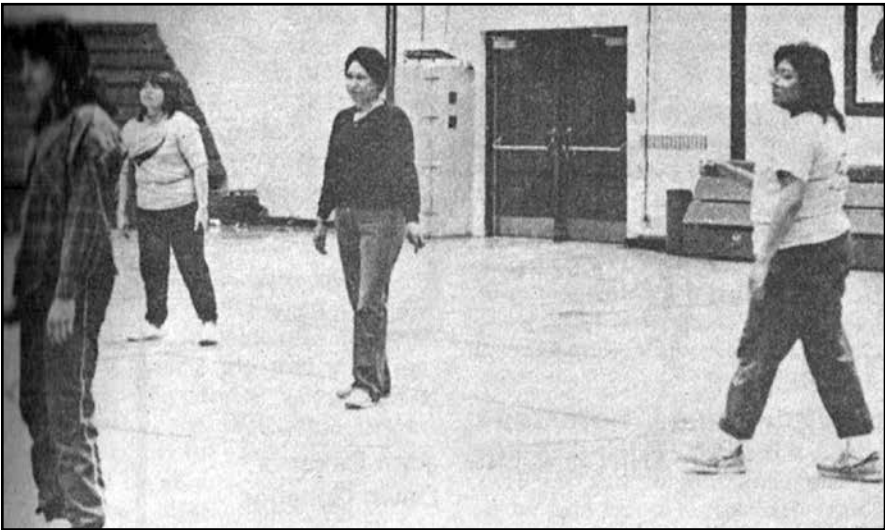


John Rehorn/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Tribal Council basks in the warmth of a standing ovation given them by DACRA members. DACRA honored the tribe for community service and providing economic benefits to La Plata County.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 3, 1995, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

The Merry Matriarches lost by forfeit. Shown here are Phyllis Escalante, Judy Castillo, Tammy Lansing and Nicole Lansing. The Women's Volleyball league is almost over and the tournaments are coming up in late February, early March.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 8, 1985, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP  
Tribal Credit offices under construction

The Tribal Credit Department offices will temporarily in the Finance Dept. of the be under construction from Monday, Feb. Leonard C. Burch Building. We apologize for 9 through Friday, Feb. 13. Credit will be the inconvenience.

PUBLIC NOTICE, TO GENERAL PUBLIC  
Unauthorized grazing on Tribal lands

It is illegal to graze unauthorized livestock on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The Southern Ute Indian tribe shall continue to strictly enforce Title 18 of the Southern ute Tribal Code and applicable federal regulations which prohibit trespass by livestock and the running-at-large of livestock on Tribal lands. Violaters of Title 18 of the Southern Ute Tribal Code are subject to civil penalties and fines up to \$1000, impoundment of livestock and all impoundment costs. In addition, violators may be subject to actual and punitive damages and injunctive relief. If you have livestock trespassing on Southern ute Indian Tribal lands, you have until **FEBRUARY 15, 2015** to contact Southern Ute Animal Control to claim/gather said trespass livestock and pay any associated fines. After this date and time the Tribe will take all necessary action to ensure the protection of the reservation and its natural resources, including those actions authorized by the Tribe's Constitution and Code. You may contact Southern Ute Animal Control at 970-563-0133.

Signed: Pearl E. Casias, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, June 9, 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Oil and Gas Royalty Question and Answer Sessions

BIA - Southern Ute Agency  
Feb. 11: 8:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Southern Ute Senior Center  
Feb. 11: 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

You are invited to come and have your mineral ownership or royalty questions answered regardless of where your allotment is located. Please bring any documents you would like to discuss. For more information, contact John Roach at the Office of the Special Trustee at 970-563-1013 or Tom Piccirilli of the Office of Natural Resources Revenue at 800-982-3226.

KSUT HIRES DR. FRANKLIN • FROM PAGE 1

sas history, and possibly the bloodiest racial conflict in the history of the United States.

The events in Elaine, Arkansas stemmed from tense race relations and growing concerns about labor unions, pertaining to the black sharecroppers who wanted to unionize. Thus sparking the Elaine Arkansas Race Riot of 1919.

The documentary, "Reconciliation and the Elaine, Arkansas race riot of 1919: forgive or forget" intertwined riot survivors and first-person accounts. The audio documentary also earned an award, The National Association of Black Journalists Award of Excellence.

When asked why he chose a public radio station in Colorado, Franklin said, "I've never been to Colorado. Something about the people of the community, they were so inviting."

Franklin added about being here in Ignacio, "I want to contribute as I can, meeting people – as I have a great respect for culture."

As KSUT looks to the future and moving into their new station, the Eddie Box Jr. Media Center, Franklin's first impression of KSUT that he found appealing was the varying types of music and the diversity of programs.

"The music and diversity of programs, it's a positive dual role, serving the community. Everything was familiar, the program schedule was appealing educationally," Franklin explained.

When asked how he plans to reach out to the community as the new executive director, Franklin offered, "In radio, we can't assume

the community knows it's there. We must stand before the community – selling the station to the community. We want to tell the story of public radio, the unique programming here at KSUT."

"We need to talk to the community, think outside the box, through outreach. The reality of public radio is diverse. It's about informative programming. Why not listen to the supporter through constructive criticism and put together a program," he added.

Franklin is no stranger to Tribal news; he did a piece on the first Indian casino to legalize gambling on the Choctaw Reservation in Philadelphia, Mississippi.

He also worked on a Native American piece with another producer for the Radio For Peace International (RFPI) a global news radio station for indigenous people.

Franklin spoke of the uniqueness of KSUT and the challenges of strengthening the Four Corners signal and the Tribal signal they both serve.

"The chain is only as strong as it's weakest link," Franklin stated. "From a production standpoint, through outreach and life experiences, KSUT brings cultural experience unique to both stations, the potential is great."

With the support of Tribal Council it'll be collective effort, he said.

"By realizing the strengths of diversity, we can bring the community together, through the respect of culture."

As the new executive director of KSUT, Franklin was asked about the future of

KSUT in the coming months.

"I am happy to serve the community and looking forward to hearing input from the community to make the station better. I welcome suggestions as no one person has all the answers," Franklin said. "I want to come in and help, humble yet confidently, to help the staff and volunteers get to the next level. I run off passion! I want the radio station to be seen in a positive light, with the support of the community to feel that passion."

With the immediate vision of the Eddie Box Jr. Media Center becoming a reality, Franklin hopes to see it realized in six to nine months by meeting capital campaign, to stay on target after the move in.

KSUT has been fundraising to meet the \$2 million projected cost for the new media center. Phase 1 will refurbish the building that sits southeast of the current KSUT radio station. KSUT has raised over \$867,000 for construction with 1.2 million left for completion of Phase 1.

He spoke of the Tribe's involvement. "The Tribe has been very generous in supporting KSUT in Phase 1 of the new project, which is the first challenge for KSUT."

Franklin hopes the center stands for many years to come, through the reporting and archiving of memories.

"I want to have people share their stories to be archived for future generations. To share their voices with us and to project the future, teaching us through their voice. To be archived and educate as film and photographs do," he said.

Southern Ute tribal holiday office closures

- Feb. 16: President's Day
- May 25: Memorial Day
- July 3: Independence Day (observed)
- July 13: Sun Dance Feast
- Sept. 7: Labor Day
- Nov. 11: Veteran's Day

- Nov. 26-27: Thanksgiving
  - Dec. 10-11: Leonard C. Burch Day
  - Dec. 25: Christmas
- Southern Ute tribal office closures are posted on the Tribe's website: [www.southernute-nsn.gov](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov).



NATIVE FILMS

# Sci-fi drama tells story of culture

By Damon Toledo  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

“Legends From The Sky” is an independent American Indian film that focuses on the significance of self-acceptance while recognizing cultural upbringing. With a touch of science fiction added to the mix, it becomes a film that leaves a taste of excitement and thrills for audiences of all ages.

The film is set on the modern day Navajo Reservation and tells the story of Lyle, an American Indian veteran who returns to his homeland, only to find his life in shambles when his grandfather goes missing after an unexplainable occurrence. It becomes Lyle’s mission to discover the whereabouts of his grandfather while uncovering the truth behind a mysterious federal organization that took over his grandfather’s land.

The film is directed by Travis Holt Hamilton, who is known for writing and producing a number of American Indian themed films, including “Turquoise Rose”, “Blue Gap Boyz”, and “More Than Frybread.”

Like his previous films, the storytelling is imaginative with heavy focus on characters driven by their ambitions. It emphasizes on the appreciation of life, history, and self-esteem. Every journey requires a little effort, but reaching the goals at the end makes the determination worthwhile. The same can be said about putting a movie together, according to Hamilton.

“This film was a challenge. [As a film crew], we were determined to make something our best,” said the 37-year-old director from Twin Falls, Idaho. “I’ve been [shooting film] for 15 years, and looking back, it’s good to see progress. We’re not perfect yet,

but we’re still moving forward and pushing for quality stories and production.”

Ernest Tsoie III who was featured in Hamilton’s previous films plays the character Tom, a government conspirator. The cast also includes James Bilagody, Mia Sable, and first time actor, Edsel Pete, who plays the persistent Lyle in search of his grandfather.

The film was shot around the southwest and implemented the native culture as a backdrop to the story. According to Hamilton, shooting on Indian land influenced the narrative with positive results.

“I thought native country would be a good background for a science fiction movie,” he said. “Native culture is something that interested me as a kid. I learned about history from different communities and incorporated a lot of legends to guide the story along. I am still experimenting on a lot of things, but the benefit is seeing

the progress. That’s what I learned jumping from genre to genre.”

Hamilton stated that being called a filmmaker makes him uncomfortable since he is still learning as he goes. He specified that his first number of projects were good practice, paving the way for something superior.

But with five feature films under his belt, its evident superiority comes from resolute effort. According to Hamilton, there is always room for improvement when it comes to art and storytelling.

“I’m not native, but I love telling stories that can happen anywhere. I go by a lesson a sculptor told me. He talked about how he wanted to fix a sculpture he previously did. But you need to be able to see the progress from the first one in order to move onto the next one. When you can do that with your art, you can keep that improvement in your perspective.”



## SUCCM UPDATE

**ATTENTION LOCAL ARTISANS**

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum would like to extend an invitation to local Ute artist to come and display/sell their work in the former gift shop. The new locals Art Gallery will be used as a showcase for contemporary local Ute art and traditional Ute works. The museum is offering a venue for your work to be displayed, viewed and possibly sold. Your work will have chance to be seen by consumers from around the world, as we often have international visitors. So if you would like to reserve a place for your art in

the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum new Art Gallery, please stop by to talk with an employee today!

**BECOME A FRIEND OF THE MUSEUM**

A Friend of the Museum is a rewards program that the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) will be implementing at the beginning of September. This is a free program where we will reward you for coming in to visit us. Ask any of our visitor service employees or call 970-563-9583 for more information on this program.

## AIANTA DISCUSSES TOURISM • FROM PAGE 1

are, and what we do as indigenous people.”

“Tourism is one of the top industries in the world,” Edward Hall said. “It’s a multi-billion dollar industry. All of these international cultures are interested in our culture. The opportunity is there, we just want to make sure the support is there. Tourism isn’t just about economic development, it’s also about education.”

AIANTA’s main intention is to provide a cultural understanding for tourists so they can bring a piece of culture home with them. With plenty of stories involving the indigenous people, AIANTA is encourag-

ing community members to share any stories of heritage with the association. These stories can involve any attachment with the Tribe throughout its historical years, Hall said.

“Anyone can be apart of AIANTA,” Hall addressed. “If you to travel to different parts of Indian Country, we want you to tell us about it. There are plenty of opportunities for interpretation, and if people want to share their stories, then we allow that. [Many] people think our culture has been absorbed with no organized communities. But they grow excited when they learn we are here and we survived.”

Tribal members interested in sharing stories with AIANTA may do so on their website, [www.ainta.com](http://www.ainta.com) or post to their official Facebook page. The association also has a newsletter that community members have access to.

“Tourism is not a passive thing,” Hall concluded. “It also involves cross-cultural exchange. People come into a community with their own expectations and understanding. We want to make sure people identify the base quality of live. It’s an exchange of values. We have to understand their perspective and in return, they have to understand us.”

# Sweetheart

## Gourd Dance & Powwow

**Feb. 14, 2015**  
**Valentine's Day**

**Gourd Dance: 1-5 p.m.**  
**Potluck Supper: 5-6 p.m.**  
**Gourd Dance: 6-7 p.m.**  
**Social Powwow: 7-10 p.m.**

This is a Social Powwow. No contests, (except for specials). All drums welcome.

- Emcee: Bruce Le Claire
- Head Gourd Drum: TBD
- Head Gourd: Ray Price
- Cake walk • Raffle • Specials •

**Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility • Ignacio, CO**  
For information contact Dr. Jim Jefferson at 970-749-4922  
Sponsored by the Four Corner Gourd Dance Society

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is not responsible for accidents, injuries, and theft. Alcohol and drugs prohibited.

## CULTURAL UPDATE

**95TH ANNUAL SO. UTE FAIR THEME & ART WORK CONTEST**

The Southern Ute Culture Dept. would like to announce the 2015 Logo and Theme Contest for the 95th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair. This Contest is open to ALL Ute members. All medias of art will be accepted until April 30 at 5 p.m. Artwork shall be no bigger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches. Logo submissions must include a theme to coincide with respective artwork. Artwork must be signed by the artist. Selected artwork will be property of the Southern Ute Culture Dept. and will be featured on all items associated with the fair. A stipend will be rewarded to the winner plus one t-shirt with the fair logo and theme. Winner will do a short interview with the Public Relations Department or may write a short paragraph explaining the logo and theme which will be featured in the 2015 Fair Premium Book. NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES! Submit to the Southern Ute Culture Dept., PO Box 737 #88 Ignacio, CO 81137 or contact Tara

Vigil, Special Events Coordinator at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624.

**FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES**

**Elder Lunch:**

- Friday, Feb. 13, 12 – 2 p.m., Menu will consist of meatloaf and jalapeno meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, dinner rolls, jello-cake and valentine’s cookies. Movie: TBA.

**Culture class:**

- Painted leather belts: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17 and Thursday, Feb. 19

**Language classes:**

- Givon Reading & Writing Ute: Mondays, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Conversational Ute Classes: Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Feb. 12 and Feb. 26.

**Youth Sunday activities:**

- Ute Language/Parfleche Bags: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 15.

For information on classes or other cultural events, call the Southern Ute Culture Dept. at 970-563-0100, ext. 3620.

# Bread

Almost every society in the world eats bread in some form or another...baked or fried.

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This is Marge Borst, I would like to “break bread” with you to talk about this wonderful activity of making bread. How do you make your bread? What is your favorite Bread? Call 970-563-0100, Ext. 3627 Monday—Wednesday, 9:00—12:00

Elder & Senior Care  
Help for older adults, their families and caregivers

**Southern Ute Health Services – Elder Health Care**  
970/563-0154  
MC Building

Southern Ute Health Services Departments promotes, supports and assists in delivering homemaker services and limited health care within the homes of tribal elders and disabled individuals residing on the Southern Ute reservation. The Elder & Disabled Home Health Care program will meet the daily needs of eligible enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Elders/Disabled individuals thru proper medical referrals.

- Lite house work duties: living room, kitchen, and living areas
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- Medication & medical appointment reminders
- Medical transportation available per 24-hour notification
- Weekly companionship visits scheduled

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**\*ELDER HOME HEALTH CARE PROGRAM TO START JANUARY 19, 2015**

**Respect Your Elders**



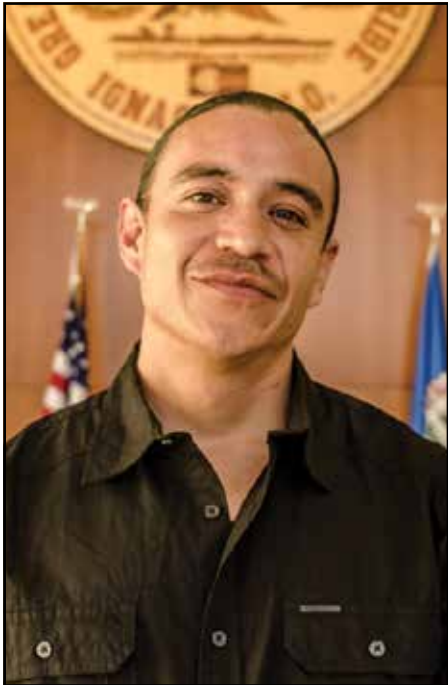


SOUTHERN UTE SPECIAL ELECTION

Statements from candidates

JAKE B. RYDER

Hello my name is Jake Ryder  
I am running for the Tribal Council special election seat February 12, 2015. I would like to ask you for your support and your vote.  
I would also like to explain to you what I am trying to achieve if elected, I am going to take this nine months term as learning curve to learn the job and the duties that I would need to perform as a tribal council member.  
Now I can't make any promises that can possibly be fulfilled in a nine month term other than my door will always be open to the Tribal membership to listen to their concerns and ideas for a better membership. So when it comes time for the next election for a full-term seat I will be more then capable and confident to be an effective council member.  
To help the membership in the same long-term goal which is to better our tribe, our people, our economy and to keep our Culture and Heritage strong within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for the Generations to follow.



Thank you very much for your time and hope to see your vote on the ballot for Jake B. Ryder come February 12, 2015  
*Thank you for your support  
Jake B Ryder*

RAMONA Y. EAGLE

Miqu' Nuuchi,  
My name is Ramona Eagle. I am vying for the Tribal Council seat in the upcoming special election. I am the daughter of the (late) Clifford H. Eagle and Annabelle W. Eagle. I have two daughters and four grandsons. I come from the Capota Band of the Utes and live in La boca area of the reservation. I participate in our tribal ceremonies - the annual Spring Bear Dance, our Sundance and our Southern Ute Fair.  
My employment experience included the position as the Tribal Employment Rights Compliance Officer, then promoted as the TERO Director which included other duties as the Adult Vocational Training Coordinator and the Administrator of the Native American Veterans Program. I was employed at the Sky Ute Casino Human Resource Department as the Employment Specialist. I enrolled in the Casino Tribal Member Career Development Program(C-DP) and attended several Casino gaming operations training. I graduated from the University of Colorado with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Personnel and Human Resource Management. After receiving my degree, I was employed as the Casino Development Program (CDP) Manager position then was promoted to the Casino Human Resource Director position.  
In 2004, I was elected to the Southern Ute Tribal Council and have served three terms. I have also served as the Tribal Treasurer. I was the Tribal Council liaison to the Growth Fund Committee, the Johnson O'Malley Parent Committee, the So. Ute Academy Parent Committee, the SUCAP Board, the Tribal Pension Committee and the Tribal Budget Committee.  
I believe with my past work experience and serving on the Tribal Council, I am knowledgeable of the issues and priorities that the Tribe faces. The Tribal Council has



implemented the Guiding Principles, the Key Performance Indicators (KPI) and a priority list as tools which aid the Tribal Council to make good decisions in regards to the health and welfare of our people, the education for our children and grandchildren, our lands and law enforcement to name a few.  
This year, I would like council to implement a tribal focus group so the membership has a voice of the services that are provided. The focus group meetings can review the current services to determine if services is adequate or if changes are needed i.e. benefit the many and not the few. To identify possible cost of changes, capital requirements or government policy changes.  
Lastly, I encourage the membership to go to the polls on February 12 to elect the person that is knowledgeable, fair, accountable and speak on the behalf of the membership concerns.  
*Tog' oiak'  
Ramona Eagle*

SOUTHERN UTE SPECIAL ELECTION

**Tribal Council Candidates**  
(No statement)

Joycelyn Peabody-Dutchie  
David Latham

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
SPECIAL ELECTION 2015**

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2015 Special Election, according to the Constitution and Election Code.

**SPECIAL ELECTION: Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.**  
**Constitution Article V, Section 5:** Any vacancy in the membership of the Tribal Council, resulting from any cause, shall be filled at a special election to be called and held within sixty (60) days following the date upon which it becomes vacant if the office has longer than six (6) months to run.

**EMERGENCY ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE: Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015 by 5 p.m.**  
**Election Code 11-5-107 (3):** An emergency ballot may be requested after the absentee ballot deadline and prior to the Election day.

Questions or concerns, call Election Board: 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305  
Direct Line: 970-563-4789 or 1-800-772-1236, ext. 2303.  
The Election Board office hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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**OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE  
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE  
SPECIAL ELECTION  
February 12, 2015**

**COUNCIL MEMBER  
Notice – Vote For One**

☐ Bernie Cuthair  
☐ Shelly L. Thompson  
☐ Joycelyn Peabody Dutchie  
☐ Ramona Y. Eagle  
☐ David Latham  
☐ Jake B. Ryder

**NOTICE: THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE HIGHEST  
NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED.**

1. Polls open at 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sun Ute Community Center.  
2. Voting is by secret ballot.  
3. Voting by proxy is not allowed.  
4. Persons waiting in line to vote at 7 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

• **Emergency Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Feb. 11, 2015 by 5 p.m.**

**The Election Board office is open Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
**Any questions please contact the Election Board at  
970-563-0100, ext. 2303/2305 or our direct line 970-563-4789.**

**Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth  
Advisory Council**

The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) seeks to provide opportunities for the young people, including those with special needs, of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to make their voices heard and to address the important issues facing the Tribe. The SCSYAC aims to enlist young tribal members in service to the Tribe as a whole. To set the example for other youth by being involved in continuing education, volunteering and helping out their community, involvement in cultural actives, and to model leadership skills in their community. The SCSYAC is open to Southern Ute Tribal Members ages 11-17 and should be attending high school, participating in an accredited homeschool program, should be striving to complete their GED, or currently enrolled in college courses.

**FOR FURTHER  
INFORMATION CONTACT**

Mary Guenther  
Southern Ute Indian Tribe Education  
Department  
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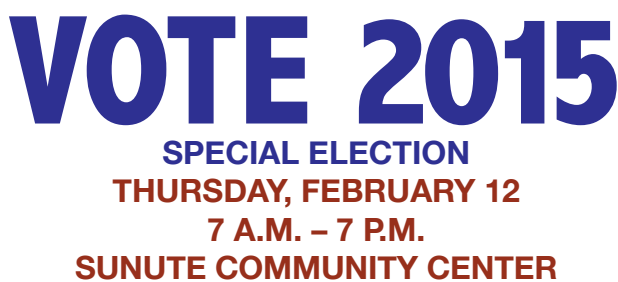
**2015 calendars still available**

The 2015 Southern Ute Tribal calendars are available for pickup at the Southern Ute Drum office, located in the Leonard C. Burch Building. Please understand we have a limited amount. Each tribal member head-of-household was mailed a calendar.



# Statements from candidates

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TRIBAL HEALTH

# Health Plan update to membership medical bills

**Staff report**  
**SU TRIBAL HEALTH DEPT.**

Tribal Health Department is working hard to improve our services to you and your family and currently we are hoping to review medical bills that may have resulted in collection notices to you or family members but that should have been covered by the Tribal Member Health Benefits Plan or federal funds.

If you have received any notices in the past year from doctors' offices, facilities or collection agencies that remain unresolved, please contact our department with copies of documentation sent to you so we can assist you. Although the Tribe may not be responsible for paying these bills, we want to determine

whether Tribal Members are getting billed for services that should be billed through the Tribal Member Health Benefit Plan or covered by the federal government.

Please note our review will not include medical services provided to you without prior approval (also known as prior authorization) in accordance with IHS Contract Health Services rules or for services received from providers outside of your health plan network that are not eligible for coverage under the Tribal Member Health Benefits Plan.

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- **Elizabeth Gallegos** at 970-563-4813  
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## Elder Services February activities

- Feb. 10: Movie Day.** Please call for movie selection the day before.
- Feb. 16: Tribal offices closed.** Presidents Day.
- Feb. 17: Wild Horse Casino Trip.** Van will be leaving at 9 a.m.
- Feb. 23: Farmington shopping trip.** Van will be leaving at 9 a.m.

All trips need to have 4 or more Tribal Elder, Handicapped or Disabled Members.  
All trips are subject to change without prior notice.  
If you have any questions please call the Elder Services Office at 970-563-0156.

## BGC's "THE CLUB" Video Game Tourney

**SunUte's Mouache Room**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 10, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m**  
**Ages: 13-15**  
**Contact the Boys and Girls Club at 970-563-4753 for information**

## Youth ballers hit the courts



Hands up! The Thunder pit their best defense against the Lakers in opening play in the 4 and 5 year old SunUte Youth Basketball League on Monday, Feb. 2 at SunUte.



The Pacers move the ball in 5 and 6 years old action. See page 12, for the complete youth basketball schedule.

**Photos by Robert L. Ortiz**  
**The Southern Ute Drum**



A pair of 'Sixers' move the ball downcourt against the Pacers Tuesday, Feb. 3.



A 'Thunder' player puts up a shot against the 'Heat' during 5 and 6 years old play.

## GET INVOLVED!

# Parenting in education

**By Michael Kirsch**  
**SU EDUCATION DEPT.**

In this issue we will look at ways to stay involved no matter your student's age.

You can influence your child's education at any grade level.

Continue to discuss expectations about school regarding grades, homework, and attendance. You can modify these expectations according to your student's age.

## SHARE WITH YOUR STUDENT

Have conversations often. As your student gets older it is important to share your opinions and offer

guidance. Many issues can arise at the middle school and high school levels, especially regarding peer pressure and bullying. Your support and understanding can help your student through difficult times. Listen to what your student has to say and provide sound advice and feedback.

## DISCUSS THE FUTURE

It is never too early to start discussing your student's goals about middle school, high school, or beyond. Talk about college and other educational options as your student progresses. Help him/her plan high school graduation goals and what might be

viable options after your student graduates.

## KEEP TEACHING

Older students still need your help and guidance. Use every day examples to teach:

- Discuss money management and finances. Budgets, banking, and credit are a good place to start.
- Every day tasks such as cooking, cleaning, and home management can better prepare a student for life on their own.

Staying involved and supportive as your student continues in education will only enhance the success your student will achieve.

## College Scholarships are Available For the 2015-2016 Academic Year

Southern Ute Education Department

- Scholarship funding for Certificate and Associate through Doctorate programs
- Applications are available online or can be picked up at the Education Department
- Full-time Scholarship Applications—July 1st 2015
- Part-time Scholarships are also available

For more information please contact  
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## EDUCATION UPDATE

### IGNACIO PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES ANNOUNCED

The Ignacio School District will be holding parent/teacher conferences. For further information contact the Ignacio School District at 970-563-

0515. All conferences for all schools are scheduled from 4:30 – 7 p.m.

- **Elementary School:** Feb. 23 and 24.
- **Middle School:** Feb. 24 for names A-L and Feb. 25 for names M-Z.
- **High School:** Feb. 25 and 26.

## Advertise in the Drum!

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## BREAST CANCER SCREENING

Breast cancer screening can be overwhelming but it doesn't have to be. Ask your primary care provider these questions:



1. Am I at risk for breast cancer?
2. When was my last mammogram?
3. How often should I be screened?
4. What if my results are abnormal?



Contact: Andrea Martinez  
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## Southern Ute Division of Gaming



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TIME: 08:00 TO 17:00  
Wednesday February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
At The Sky Ute Casino, Ignacio, CO

"If you want to make it through retirement, wear your vest, wait for backup and read Dr. Gilmartin's book."  
Sergeant Weaver J. Barkman  
25 year law enforcement veteran  
Tucson, Arizona





# Snowdown returns with steampunk twist



Snowdown attendees cheer in downtown Durango while posing in their comical Lego outfits.

*The annual Snowdown Festival made its return to Durango and was met with positive reactions. The festivities ran from Jan. 28 to Feb. 1 and featured numerous attractions and activities. This year's theme was Steampunk; a dystopian, H.G. Wells type theme complete with Victorian era clothing with a futuristic twist. Citizens from around La Plata County gathered in downtown Durango to experience the fun.*



A flame dancer shows off her moves to a cheering crowd during the annual Snowdown Parade.

Photos by Damon Toledo  
The Southern Ute Drum



The theme for this year's Snowdown is Steampunk, which requires fashionable Victorian era style clothing.



Many attendees of the Snowdown festival spent a large amount of time putting together their fashionable costumes.



Numerous people brace the rain in downtown Durango during the annual Snowdown Parade. The small drizzle didn't stop citizens from warming up from the colorful parade floats.

## Youth place in 'Steamdunk'



courtesy Sheila Nanaeto

The Ignacio Rez Girls (above) compete in the Snowdown Steamdunk 3-on-3 girl's basketball tournament on Sunday, Feb. 1 at the Durango Recreation Center. The Ignacio Rez Girls ultimately won the tournament in the 5th and 6th grade division.



courtesy Cindy Valdez

Ignacio Rez Girls (above, back row) won the championship during the Snowdown 3-on-3 basketball tourney in the 5th and 6th grade girls division. The Ignacio Bobcats (front row) won in the 7th and 8th grade girls division.



courtesy Sheila Nanaeto

Jonas Nanaeto (left) puts up a three-pointer during the boys competition at the Snowdown Steamdunk 3-on-3 basketball tourney on Saturday, Jan. 31. Two boys teams, comprised of the Wildcat players of Ignacio, competed in the 7th and 8th grade division they were the Stars of Sicily and the Manon Knights.

## SUCAP hosts dodgeball

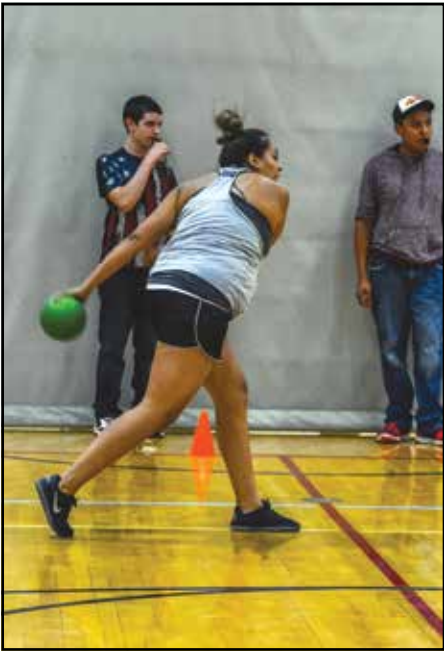


Timing was everything for Pedro Vigil (above left) and AJ Vigil (above right) while racing to get to the balls at the center court line. "Vicious and Delicious" won this heat and advanced up in the bracket, but ended up falling short of victory as they placed 3rd at this year's tournament.

Orion Watts (above, right) guns it trying to get the other team out at the SUCAP sponsored Steampunk Snowdown Dodgeball Tournament held at Durango Rec. Center Thursday, Jan. 29.

Photos by Trennie Collins  
The Southern Ute Drum

AJ Vigil (right) throws the ball hoping to hit the opposing team. SUCAP was sponsoring this years Steampunk Snowdown Dodgeball Tournament with all proceeds going to Ignacio Community youth programs. Youth involved in SUCAP'S programs got to referee the tournament.







IHS WRESTLING

Cats vie, tie for fourth at ‘The Melton’

Senior Pena IHS’ sole champion

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Senior Mike Perez pushed into, and then ultimately prevailing in an extra period by, of all possible foes, teammate Timmy Plehinger in what had to be the tournament’s highest-scoring clash.

Senior Iaasic Peña showing – and utilizing – knowledge of one of the classical Six Simple Machines, using his own head as a fulcrum and his extended, rigid body as a lever with which to pry 4A Bloomfield, New Mexico’s Jacob Spencer (beneath whom his head had been wedged) off the mat and into a near-pin predicament.

Senior Josh Gallegos later educating, “Animal Planet”-style, Farmington, N.M., Piedra Vista JV heavyweight Justin Smith on the without-warning nuances of a crocodile’s ‘death roll,’ and surprising himself with the unexpected move’s success at getting the 5A-level Panther stuck on his back.

And, of course, head coach Cody Haga and assistant Jordan Larsen recognizing and presenting one Dixie Melton to the athletes, mentors (including former Ignacio boss Bob Overturf, now at 3A Cedaredge) and fans within SunUte Community Center – and Melton herself a commemorative floral bouquet amidst proper applause.

Indeed, there was no bad



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio 152-pounder Iaasic Pena asserts control over Bloomfield, New Mexico’s Jacob Spencer during the weight’s championship match at the 2015 Butch Melton Memorial Invitational held inside SunUte Community Center on Saturday, Jan. 31.

seat in the house to witness the works of IHS competing at the Saturday, January 31, 2015 Butch Melton Memorial Invitational, declared by Haga over the p.a. microphone to be the 44th edition of the Bobcats’ annual event (renamed in 2010 for the late Ignacio coach).

And led by Peña’s 11-6 defeat of Spencer in the 152-pound division’s finale, the Cats totaled 85 points to match PVHS’ score and tie for fourth place out of twelve attending teams. 4A Bloomfield, N.M., amassed a winning 156.5, 3A Pagosa Springs was second with 125, and 3A Bayfield took third with 87.

Also making the first-place phase individually for IHS were Stocker Robbins and Ethan Appenzeller, but neither managed to close the deal. Robbins lost the 113-pounders’ title 9-5 to Bloomfield’s Corbin Nelson, and Appenzeller was

pinned one minute, one-tenth of a second into the third period of the 138 finale by 2A Dove Creek’s Chance Randolph.

Bayfield 145-pounder Colter McMenimen and Bloomfield 160-pounder J.D. Robinson were named the Invitational’s Outstanding Lower, and Upper Weight Wrestler.

Results from the Bobcats’ trip to Mancos for the Feb. 5 San Juan Basin League Championships were unavailable by the Drum’s deadline. The 2A-Region I Championships then follow on the 13th and 14th at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, with Ignacio one of 15 teams slated to compete.

Go to the Drum’s website, [www.sudrum.com](http://www.sudrum.com) for additional photos, final standings and the full list of champions in the Butch Melton Memorial Invitational.

IHS BOYS BASKETBALL

IHS’ 11-trey torrent floods Dolores

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

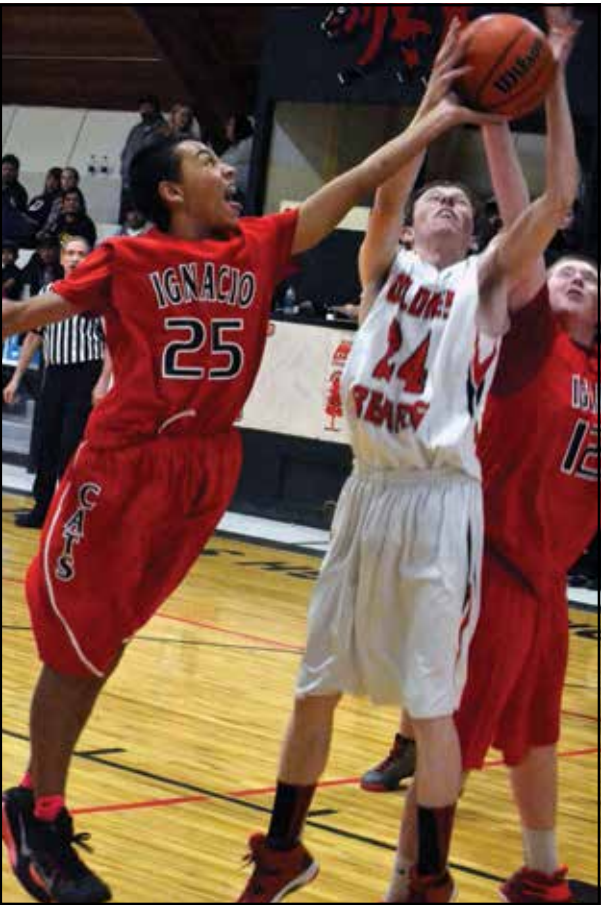
Directed to an out-of-position Bear, regarding Ignacio’s locked-and-loaded Tucker Ward, Dolores head coach Larry Schwartz’s “You know he’s gonna shoot it!” shout really could have applied to any of the Bobcats visiting DHS Gymnasium the night of Friday, Jan. 30th.

IHS’ junior guard, meanwhile, indeed let fly from just inside the three-point arc and swished the shot to put Class 2A’s still-third-ranked [CHSAANow.com poll, issued Feb. 2nd] squad ahead by an unassuming 10-4 count with 2:59 left in the first quarter.

Ward’s eagerness to fire, however, likely stemmed from what both he and Schwartz had already seen, and what would quickly and ultimately doom DHS in a 71-38 San Juan Basin League decision. The long ball.

Ignacio juniors Wyatt Hayes and Anthony Manzanares, for example, had hit threes on the guests’ first two tries and would combine for five more in the Bobcats’ impressive 11-triple assault.

“This is a team that’s already seen us play, the only team that we’ve played for the second time this year – they’re going to be ready for us!” head coach Chris Valdez said of Do-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s John Valdez (25) joins teammate Austin McCaw (12) in prying the ball from the grasp of Dolores’ Stetson Hamilton (24) during varsity play inside DHS Gymnasium.

lores. “And I told the kids that they had to come out and match their own intensity, be aggressive on both ends of the floor. They did a good job.”

Manzanares’ second trey of the first quarter gave IHS its first double-digit lead of the game at 14-4, and with his crew later going into the second trailing 18-5, Schwartz could only watch and hope the best for his side as the game was

rapidly put out of reach three points at a time.

Able to go toe-to-toe with Ignacio early in the frame, and actually outscoring the ‘Cats 10-8 in its early goings, DHS saw senior reserve guard Xavier Reynolds sink a three for a 29-15 Ignacio advantage. Hayes then followed, freshman reserve Kruz Pardo struck twice, and

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IHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Girls dig deep to dump DHS

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Likely built to shoehorn as many of a small town’s supporters as possible into as small a space as possible, DHS Gymnasium still leaves spectators for such an engagement as Ignacio-Dolores with little wiggle room.

The heated San Juan Basin League rivalry itself, controlled by IHS’ girls in recent meetings, always leaves the teams’ leaders with even less-comfortable margins – as witnessed Friday, January 30th, in which the Lady Bears’ Larry Schwartz, rather than the Lady Bobcats’ Shane Seibel, was the skipper often pumping his fist in celebration.

“We just wanted to come out and show them that we were a contender, that we could be a contender in districts,” said Dolores senior center Taylor Elder, “and I think we did that.”

But unfortunately not enough of ‘that’; after having played Ignacio to an 8-8 draw through one quarter and then gaining a 19-16 halftime advantage, DHS saw IHS freshman Hilda Garcia net six third-quarter points and seven in the fourth as the visitors rallied ahead, 30-29, by the end of the third and separated down the stretch to win 42-35.

“They did really get better on their defense and offense,” Lady Cat junior guard Cortney Baker said of the Lady Bears afterwards. “It was very intense, exciting ... got us back in the groove to push our-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Cortney Baker (2) hoists up a long-range jumper over Dolores’ Teagan Hite (14) during varsity play inside DHS Gymnasium.

selves even harder.”

“I think we were just really excited to play, and we were a little over our heads,” sophomore center Alejandra Lujan added, regarding IHS’ first-half struggles. “But we got back together and got ‘em.”

Seibel said his team showed a lot of character and were able to stage aa come back during the game.

“They didn’t get on each other, they didn’t panic; they continued to just try to grind through it! We got into halftime and stressed defense – defense from our guards, defense from getting

beat backdoor – and they responded,” Seibel said.

From as far behind as 17-10 after a second consecutive Elder turnaround jumper went down with just 2:30 before intermission, the Lady Bobcats’ first true lead came at 20-19 on a Lujan basket – but was quickly erased by Dolores’ Larissa Umberger countering immediately with a fast layup and drawing Lujan’s third foul, to boot.

With senior Amya Bison on the bench but not in uniform, and juniors Ellie Seibel and Bekah Powell not

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FLC MENS BASKETBALL

FLC’s Herrera earns national ink

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

There’s likely a good few Down Under following Alex Herrera’s senior-year progress here in the States.

Especially in Townsville ... where hoop heads seem to really love them some defense.

Very close to the Ignacio High School graduate’s Australian arrival in – and dominance of – the Queensland Basketball League this past summer, you see, the aforementioned North Queensland city’s entry in the continent’s top-tier National Basketball League signed themselves a Herrera-style rejector in Mickell Gladness.

Swatter of 396 shots in only three seasons of NCAA Division I work at Alabama A&M – after transferring in from Lawson State (Birmingham, Ala.) Community College – the 6’11” post still holds the D-I single-game record with 16 blocks [Feb. 24, 2007, against Texas Southern; A&M totaled 21 denials, equaling Georgetown’s count achieved early in the 1993-94 season], as part of a 6.3-bpg junior campaign.

Not taken in the Derrick Rose-headed 2008 NBA Draft, he started his pro career in the Netherlands, progressed to the NBA Developmental League, finally debuted in the ‘L’ with the Miami Heat in ‘11 and also saw time with Golden State later in the ‘11-12 season. A couple more stints in the D-League then

followed, prior to Gladness’ acquisition by the Crocodiles in June 2014.

The point is this: Someone’s going to want Herrera when the smoke clears from his attacks on the Fort Lewis College and NCAA D-II records, so don’t be surprised if it’s a club from a certain nation near Antarctica, from a region where he’s pretty well-known ... even if there’s little knowledge of his recent selection as the United States Basketball Writers Association’s Division II Men’s Player-of-the-Week.

Awarded the distinction on Wednesday, Jan. 28, after averaging a 30-point, 12.5-rebound double-double during FLC’s home wins on the 23rd and 24th over Colorado Christian University and, respectively, then-No. 9 Colorado School of Mines, Herrera currently – meaning prior to the Skyhawks’ Feb. 6-7 road dates at Western New Mexico University and N.M. Highlands University – averages 23.8 ppg (on 56.8% shooting from the floor, 68.1% from the free-throw line), 11.2 rpg and 3.7 bpg as he adds to his Fort-record 281.

In the defeat of CCU, the ex-Bobcat – currently the D-II leader in blocks and blocks-per-game – sank a career-high 20 FT’s out of a career-high 26 attempts (Herrera also leads D-II in that category, while sitting second – by just one – in FT’s made).

Before going to the Land of Enchantment, FLC was 15-5 overall, 10-4 in the Rocky Mountain

Athletic Conference. The Skyhawks’ home finale, Herrera’s last regular-season game inside Whalen Gymnasium, is set for Feb. 21st against Denver-based Regis University.

MORE GOOD NEWS

Another IHS Basketball alum received recognition as January 2015 wound down.

Current FLC junior Ryan Brooks was named to the RMAC All-Academic Team’s Honor Roll, along with junior guard Kevin Flohr. Sophomore guard Will Morse and redshirt-freshman guard Rasmus Bach – a Herrera teammate with South West Metro in the QBL – were tabbed First Team All-Academic.

It was reported that Brooks owns a 3.47 grade-point average towards an Engineering major (and Flohr, studying Business Administration, a 3.90). To date this season, the 6’8” forward has seen action in 16 games and has contributed 24 points (at rates of 50% FG, 83.3% FT) and 15 rebounds.

To qualify for First Team All-Academic status – chosen by RMAC Sports Information Directors at schools sponsoring basketball – student-athletes must have a 3.30 GPA or better, be a starting player or reserve, and have completed two consecutive semesters (or three quarters) at their current institution. A player’s cumulative GPA is what he or she had earned prior to the season’s beginning.





## STARWHEELS

*Horoscopes by “The Star Lady”*

♈ **AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)**  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**  
 AQUARIANS! Currently the SUN, MERCURY, URANUS, and bighearted JUPITER have teamed up to brighten your month. Now that you’ve devised a plan for 2015, you know where, when, and how to spring into action. This is your time to shine AQUARIUS people. Promote your talents. Be creative, find fresh interests to keep you motivated throughout the year. Honor your relationships, and resist the temptation to judge them. Friendly help from JUPITER encourages positive growth with those closest to your heart.

### ♋ **PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)**

Lucky You! VENUS and MARS continue to fuel up your sign until the 21st. The hang up is that much of your FEBRUARY interest may take place behind the scenes. Reading, computer time, or other introspective practices might also occupy your hours. This is a comfortable setting for you Little Fishes, and you may become lost in a dreamy PISCAN realm. A very imaginative, and productive month lies ahead of you. This is the period before your new Solar Year kicks in, it’s an important time to ties up loose ends.

### ♈ **ARIES (March 21 – April 20)**

There are 13 FULL MOONS in a year, and one of them is called a “Blue Moon”. This month’s FULL MOON is not only dramatic, it’s also romantic. Call it a warm up to VALENTINE’S DAY. The planets are in full agreement as they release a warm and loving atmosphere for you on the 3rd. In typical ARIES style, action is your first impulse, and change is next. Oppressive and restricting situations may no longer be bearable for you, and your instincts could be pushing you to go in search of more light-hearted activities. Be patient Rams, excitement is right around the corner.

### ♉ **TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)**

MERCURY is currently not in its most favorable position for your sign. Not to worry, after the 11th you might be able to make a little more progress with your personal plans. A decidedly beneficial energy settles in on the 18th when the SUN enters the imaginative, and friendly sign of PISCES, and signals a green light to launch your intentions. Good natured as you are, there are certain times of the year when the planets test your patience. You’ll be in a more sociable mood later in the month TAURUS.

### ♊ **GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)**

A lively LEO FULL MOON on the 3rd is the power that drives your social life this month. FEBRUARY’S planetary pattern is chock full of amusing events. There’s a bit of magic in the air. People are friendly, and more than willing to meet you half way. The dynamic duo of MARS, and VENUS slip into fiery ARIES on the 19th, and 20th, igniting an active interest in planning your future goals. Summer travel adventures are easily put together at this time. Now I ask you...how can a GEMINI resist that?

### ♋ **CANCER (June 22 – July 22)**

VENUS and MARS are both heading towards the high point of your chart, and some of the month’s focal point is on long distance travel. The main concentration is centered around monetary transactions, either borrowing, or lending. Usually at this time of year it’s a good idea to review your current finances and if necessary give them a face-lift. Change what is no longer useful, or suitable for you. The NEW MOON on the 18th is a favorable time to implement your new agenda. Generous JUPITER continues to contribute to the growth of your bank account.

### ♌ **LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)**

Congrats Lions ... You’re the winner of this month’s Lunar Lottery. A bright and shining FULL MOON in YOUR SIGN on the 3rd accents close relations and romantic VALENTINE plans. A better understanding with partners may be one of Cupid’s gifts to you LEO. Compromise would also be helpful. FEBRUARY is all about love and relationships of all types. While the brilliant SUN illuminates your partnership area, you may be able to develop a deeper connection. Later in the month (22ND) a lively boost in your physical drive and self confidence arrives with the compliments of VENUS and MARS.

### ♍ **VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)**

Your ruling planet MERCURY (the thinking planet) might have you analyzing work and health matters. Do your best to efficiently give both of those topics your thoughtful consideration. Later on the 11th your little planet begins to move forward again and some of that retrograde fog will lift. Your no nonsense logic has always served you well VIRGO, but on the 1st, and the 25th your logic might cross the line into confusion, when NEPTUNE joins VENUS, and then the SUN. Your best option is to think first.

### ♎ **LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)**

The Solar System is always filled with wonders. And this month is no exception. A Fabulous, Mystical, planetary pattern has included your sign in an entertaining, fun-loving configuration. It just might have you celebrating VALENTINE’S DAY for several days after. Have a good time LIBRA people, this is a month of pure enjoyment for you, and the main squeeze in your life. URANUS in your opposite sign insures a surprise or two this February. Even tiny MERCURY gets into the act and supplies you with an abundance of resourceful ideas to follow, and constructive opportunities to pursue.

### ♏ **SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)**

Family and domestic affairs take priority this month. The SUN, MERCURY, and the NEW MOON, stimulate household matters. Chances are you’re beyond ready to renovate your living space, and create a more comfortable environment. Not so fast SCORPIO, it may be best to hold off the remodel until after the 11th when MERCURY comes out of its retrograde sleep. MARS and VENUS stay put in your buddy sign of PISCES until after the 21st and help you to enjoy FEBRUARY’S VALENTINE festivities.

### ♐ **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)**

The SUN, MERCURY, and the NEW MOON have gathered in your communication zone and may inspire you to be out and visiting with friends, and neighbors. As an added benefit, your planetary ruler JUPITER sits opposite the above planets and adds a larger than life influence. You might be ready to put long term plans into motion. They can even include a dearly held desire to take a trip to a place you’ve always dreamed about. Optimism pays off Saggies, if you believe that it will happen, more than likely it will.

### ♑ **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)**

There is no immunity from a retrograde MERCURY. We all deal with it at the same time. That said, you may need to develop a little more patience regarding your finances. Money matters need time to develop. Yes, you are one of the Zodiac’s best when it comes to being practical. Existing planetary placements indicate favorable conditions regarding your financial situation. The planets are in a particularly pleasant position later in the month and insure greater success with your plans. Be ready to act when the opportunity presents itself CAPRICORN.

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## OBITUARIES



**Tibbetts** – Former Ignacio resident, June Box-Tibbetts died Jan. 16, 2015 in Portland, Or., due to complications of a long illness. She was 64. June was born June 19, 1950 to Fritz and Pearl Posey Box. She was a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and grew up in the family home between Bayfield and Ignacio, Colo. She attended Bayfield schools and graduated from Bayfield High School. After high school June was employed with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority before moving to Denver, where she lived for several years. She then moved to Boise, Idaho where she

lived with her sister for a brief time. June visited Portland, Oregon and loved the area so much that she moved there permanently. She then met and married her husband of 23 years, Roger Tibbetts. She worked at various jobs in Portland until she developed a serious illness. June loved her family and visited as often as she could. She would always call or text family and friends. She enjoyed going to pow-wows and doing beadwork. She often traveled to the west coast of Oregon where she visited and gambled at various casinos. June was a Denver sports fan and especially loved watching the Denver Broncos. She is survived by her husband Roger Tibbetts of Portland, Oregon; her sisters Shirley Esparza and Joyce Frost both of Ignacio, Colo. She is also survived by her nieces Venerita, Carole and Tina Valdez, Dayna Esparza, Venessa Carel, Lindsay Box and Molly Casey all of Ignacio, Colo. Her nephews, Sylvian, Sherman and Bruce Valdez; Sylvia (Axe) and Darren (Buffy) Joseph; Cameron and Devon Frost; Craig and Loren Box, all of Ignacio, Colo. as well as numerous extended family and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, Fritz and Pearl P. Box; brothers Orion, Clyde and Greg Box; sisters Alvina Spencer, Ernie Watts, Karen Box and Lena Box. A memorial service was held at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility on Jan. 28, 2015.

## COMMUNITY GREETINGS

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALLISIANNA

I would like to wish my Daughter Allisianna Simoné Baker a very Happy 15th Birthday on February 1st. You have matured into a beautiful smart young woman and I am very proud of you.

*Love, mom*



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN HEAVEN, LEAH VIOLET

You would’ve turned 25 on February 14.

Is there a party up in heaven

to celebrate today?

Did angels frost a cake for you?

Or sing to start your day?

We’re celebrating you down here

As they must be above

I truly hope your special day

Is filled with peace and love

This day was always special

As we gathered round you here

We’d sing and laugh and celebrate

Your day with so much cheer

I (we) miss those special moments

That we shared throughout the years

It’s hard to find that on this day

My eyes now filled with tears

I’m trying hard to smile for you

But, ohhh ... that empty chair

I turn around and find myself

Still shocked that you’re not there

Please know I’m thinking of you



### HAPPY 3RD B-DAY LANDYN CODY BRAVO

From the moment you were born we have been so blessed to have you in our lives. You’re a cute, precious little boy whose also sweet, charming and so smart! We love you so much & you have filled our lives with much laughter and happiness. Here’s wishing you lots of love, hugs, cake, ice cream and fun presents on your special day! May the Creator always keep you safe and guide you through your journey in life.

*Love always,*

*Grandma Cookie, auntie Natalie, Paul, auntie Mavis, Brandon and your little cousins, Cassidy, Romeo and Sammy*

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR SISTER LENA!

Here’s wishing you a blessed day! Thanks for all the fun times we’ve shared together. Continue to take care of yourself and your family. We are proud of you and your accomplishments that you’ve worked so hard for! Keep studying! May the Creator watch over you all the days of your life. We all love you very much, have a fabulous birthday!

*Love always your sisters,*

*Cookie, Leona, Lisa, Leora, Laurena and Lynnette*

## NEW EMPLOYEES



### Marysa Frost

**Job title:** Southern Ute Rec. Center

**Description of duties:** Helping the rec. staff and day to day basic things.

**Hobbies:** Spending time with family and friends.

**Family:** Wahleah Frost (mother), Kelsey Frost (sister), Alric Hudson (brother).

**Tribe:** Southern Ute Indian Tribe

### Priscella P. Collins

**Job title:** Tribal Services Executive Assistant

**Description of duties:** Exec. assistant and clerical duties.

**Hobbies:** Fishing, hiking, watching football and spending time with family.



### Laurie Blanz

**Job title:** Air Quality Analyst

**Description of duties:** Preparing air quality permits.

**Hobbies:** Hiking, dancing, oil painting and scuba diving.

**Additional comments:** I am excited to be working for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.



### Shannon M. Knudsen

**Job title:** Contract & Grants Manager

**Description of duties:** Monitoring, reporting, and all other functions related to grant management.

**Hobbies:** Hiking, climbing and chess.

**Additional comments:** Glad to be here!



## Drum Deadline

**Next issue:  
Feb. 20  
Deadline:  
Feb. 13**

Articles, photos, advertisements, public notices, letters and greetings may be submitted in person, by mail, or by email to: [sasmith@southernmute-nsn.gov](mailto:sasmith@southernmute-nsn.gov)

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The Southern Ute Drum: PO Box 737 #96, Ignacio, CO 81137

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# Notices



## Hunter Education Course

This one-day INTERNET-BASED Hunter Education Course, needed to qualify for a Colorado Hunter Education Certificate, will be offered Saturday, March 21, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, 77 CR 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. The course fee is \$10 (payable to the instructor on the first day of class). Class size is limited to 25 students. Minimum age requirement is 12 or older. Parents of younger students are encouraged to attend with their child. Pre-registration is required. Register online at <http://register-ed.com/events/view/58050>.

## KSUT

### Board of Directors Vacancy

KSUT Radio is seeking two Southern Ute tribal members to fill a vacancy on its board of directors. This is a non-paid position that requires attending board meetings every month, with additional special meetings as needed. KSUT is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Please send a letter of interest to Rob Rawles at KSUT, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Open until filled.

## SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND Management Committee Vacancy

The Southern Ute indian tribe Growth Fund is seeking a Southern Ute tribal member representative for the Southern Ute Growth Fund Management Committee. The Committee member will be responsible for executing the mission and purpose and achieving the goals and objectives of the Growth Fund, as approved by Tribal Council Resolution and must attend four meetings a month during regular business hours. This is a 3 year term limit. The successful candidate must be an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and have a high school diploma or equivalent and some business experience, including experience participating on board or formal committees; have the ability to communicate clearly and accurately; have experience with confidentiality, including issues of extreme sensitivity, privilege and privacy and must comply with federal privacy laws and regulations regarding disclosure. The successful candidate must also pass a criminal history background investigation. Interested individuals may pick up an Application from Debbie Garner in the Growth Fund building. Applications must be returned to Debbie Garner no later than 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, 2015.

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Gaming Commission Vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two (2) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Gaming Commission one to finish a one (2) year term and another for a three (3) year term. Applicants are encouraged to write a letter of intent must be a minimum of one paragraph and also must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations, listed below.

- Be at least twenty-one years of age
- Possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation
- Have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures
- Have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality
- Submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission
- Undergo a background investigation

Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letters of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office by 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 27, 2015. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### Construction Services for Cedar Point Street Light Install

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Construction & Project Management Dept.  
P.O. Box 737, 116 Memorial Drive  
Ignacio, Colorado 81137  
970-563-0138**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for a Contractor to submit proposals for the installation of street lights in the Cedar Point subdivision. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Memorial Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 2 p.m. MDT,

Feb. 20. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact April Toledo for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-0138 or [atoledo@southernutesn.gov](mailto:atoledo@southernutesn.gov). The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

## LAND FOR SALE Attention tribal members/employees

Tribal members & employees! Get to work in 5 minutes from this 16 irrigated acres on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe reservation, 4 easy miles north from Ignacio off CR 514, one full irrigation water share from the King Ditch, south sloping land growing hay, average 650 bales one cutting, w/pond, electricity at property line, entirely fenced, private, excellent access road, asking price has been significantly reduced to sell at \$150K. Financing may be available with 35% down payment at 5% APR to a qualified buyer. If interested please call Steve Williams 970-884-1326 or email questions to [ljmforever53@gmail.com](mailto:ljmforever53@gmail.com) for more details.

## JOHNSON O'MALLEY Committee Vacancies

There are two vacancies on the Johnson-O'Malley committee (JOM). If you are interested in becoming a committee member please submit a letter to the Ellen Baker at the Southern Ute Education Dept. This is a volunteered position and meetings are once a month on the first Monday at 5:30 p.m. For more information contact Ellen Baker at the Education Department, 970-563-0235, ext. 2793 or email [esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov). Eligibility requirements are listed below.

- You must have a student enrolled with Ignacio or Bayfield School District K-12
- You student must be eligible for the Johnson-O'Malley program with proper documentation on file with the Education Department (Ellen Baker)
- Open to Native American parent or legal guardianship of a Native American that is enrolled with the two school district

## SOUTHERN UTE ROYALTY Committee Vacancy

### Attention past Royalty, Fair Rodeo Queens and Tribal Elders!

The tribe is seeking former Miss Southern Ute/Fair Rodeo Queens and tribal Elders to serve on the Royalty Committee. There are five (5) positions open for former Royalty/Fair Rodeo Queens and one position for a tribal Elder. Initial terms are staggered, thereafter three year terms will be served. The Committee is responsible to support the Royalty, by providing education in Ute culture and history; to promote and recruit applicants; to plan and host the annual pageant and royalty dinner; other duties associated with the committee. The Committee will review/revise and as appropriate develop Royalty handbooks, code of ethics, review complaints and address disciplinary issues associated with the committee. The Committee meets monthly, and works closely with the Culture Director, this is a non-paid committee. Interested Tribal members should submit a letter to the Human Resource Department at the Leonard C. Burch Building, in person or mail your letter to Human Resource Dept. at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colo., 81137 or email your letter to [ahiett@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:ahiett@southernute-nsn.gov).

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Tribal Credit Committee Vacancy

The Southern Ute Tribal Credit Committee has an opening for a member. The Credit Committee members must be 18 years old and be an enrolled member of the Tribe. Individuals seeking to serve on the Committee must demonstrate a reputation of personal integrity, dependability, honesty, a strong work ethic, and the ability to perform in a non-biased, confidential and fair manner. They must be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. These individuals must also pass a criminal background and reference checks. The term may be for a three (3) year period. All interested Tribal members who would like to serve on the committee are urged to submit a letter of interest to Andi Cook-Hiett in Human Resources. Duties of the Credit Committee listed below.

- Approve loans as required by the Declaration
- Monitor compliance with Declaration
- Monitor approved loan performance
- Make recommendations to Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations
- Maintain confidentiality, objectivity and fairness in conducting all Committee business
- Hold monthly regular meeting and other special meetings as necessary
- Coordinate the Committee's annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff

## ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP Woodyard Services Changes

This notice is to inform you of several changes regarding the services provided by the Tribal Wood Yard. Per Tribal Council's request, the Wood Yard recently transitioned over to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forestry Division as the Forestry/Fuels Crew beginning Dec. 15, 2014. A new set of procedures has been established and approved by the Executive Office and the following will inform you of the purpose of new Forestry/Fuels Crew and how to utilize their services (the procedures for firewood deliveries, firewood pickups, and sweat wood will be effective starting Monday, Jan. 5). Please note that Forestry/Fuels Crew will no longer provide residential lawn and garden services. You must contact Tribal Housing at 970-563-4710, ext. 2722 for all residential lawn and garden services effective immediately.

### Purpose

The purpose of the Forestry Fuels Program under DNR Forestry is to achieve multiple natural resource objectives, including: fuels reduction, forest health improvement, commercial forest stand improvement, and wildlife habitat improvement, through the thinning of the Tribe's commercial forests and woodlands. The fuel wood produced through these activities is made available to the Tribal membership to heat their primary residence. Firewood is also made available for ceremonial purposes within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

### Contact Information

In order to place a wood order for delivery or pick up (this includes sweat wood), you may contact the Forestry office at 970-563-4780 Monday through Thursday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

### Firewood Delivery and Firewood Pick Up Procedures

Wood deliveries and wood pick up will be available through the winter months, beginning Oct. 1 and ending April 30. Wood will be available for pick up from the Forestry Fuels Yard on Mondays and Wednesdays and wood deliveries will be made on Tuesdays and Thursdays during business hours only. Up to one truckload (0.75 cord) per month of split firewood will be delivered to the primary residence of an eligible Tribal Elder or an eligible Tribal Member with a disability that have the means to burn firewood at their primary residence. The residence must be located within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation in order to qualify for delivery. Eligible Tribal Elders and Tribal Members with a disability that wish to have split firewood delivered to their primary residence will not be eligible to pick up blocked firewood from the Forestry Fuels Yard. Wood deliveries are made on Tuesdays and Thursdays during business hours only. Up to one truckload (0.75 cord) per month of blocked firewood will be available for pick

up to enrolled non- elder Tribal Members that have the means to burn firewood in their primary residence. Wood will be available for pick up at the Forestry Fuels Yard on Mondays and Wednesdays during business hours only.

Firewood provided to the membership will consist of various species, as mixed wood, and based on availability. The types of firewood available include: juniper, pinion, pine, aspen, etc.

Firewood will NOT be provided for personal camping (no exceptions).

**Tribal Members found selling or giving away firewood provided by or picked up from the Forestry Fuels Program, will be banned from firewood and sweat wood services for 3 years, and /or face prosecution.**

### Sweat Wood Delivery and Sweat Wood Pick up Procedures

One truckload (0.75 cord) per month of split sweat wood will be delivered to eligible Tribal Elders and Tribal Members with disabilities that have a sweat lodge at their primary residence, or Tribal Land Assignment/ Allotment/Fee Land. Tribal Elders and Tribal Members with a disability that with to utilize the delivery service may not pick up blocked sweat wood from the Forestry Fuels yard. The sweat lodge must be located within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Sweat wood deliveries will be made on Tuesdays and Thursdays during business hours only.

One truckload (0.75 cord) per month of blocked sweat wood will be available for pick up for eligible non- elder Tribal Members that have a sweat lodge at their primary residence, or Tribal Land Assignment/Allotment/Fee Land. Sweat wood will be available for pick up from the Forestry and Fuels Yard on Wednesdays and Fridays during business hours only.

No more than one truckload (0.75 cord) per month of sweat wood will be delivered to Tribal Departments (Peaceful Spirits, Detention Center) located within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Sweat wood deliveries will be made on Tuesdays and Thursdays during business hours only.

Sweat wood provided will consist of various species, as mixed wood, and based on availability. The types of sweat wood available include: juniper, pinion, pine, aspen, cottonwood, etc.

**Any Tribal member found selling or giving away sweat wood provided by or picked up from the Forestry Fuels Yard will be banned from sweat wood and firewood services for up to 3 years, and/or face prosecution.**

In conclusion, we understand that this transition may not be easy, but we are here to provide service to the Tribal membership and hope that you will support the goals and objectives of the new Forestry/Fuels Crew.



Your input is needed! Our club Board of Directors create its vision, plan programs, develop funding and more. We are looking for experienced people who are invested in this community's youth and are excited about being a key component of this organization. There are open positions for tribal or community members with financial and/or leadership experience.

**Applications are available at [www.bgcsu.org](http://www.bgcsu.org)**

For more information please contact Mr. Bruce LeClaire, CPO, at (970) 563-0100 x 2694



### Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Please visit our webiste at [www.sugf.com/jobs.asp](http://www.sugf.com/jobs.asp) to view job details and to apply online.  
Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.  
Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.

**Maintenance Manager – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)**

Closing date 2/10/15

Providing oversight and management of third party vendors and contractors who conduct maintenance activities on Red Willow properties including well sites, pipeline systems, compression, and water disposal facilities. Application of, and compliance with, Red Willow policies and procedures.

**Geographic Information Systems Supervisor – GF Information Technology (Durango, CO)**

Close date 2/13/15

Under the direction of the Database Systems Manager, provides leadership and coordination of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) development projects for Growth Fund enterprises. Coordinates and supervises the daily activities of GIS team members in order to plan, design, implement, and maintain GIS services for Growth Fund enterprises.

**Environmental, Health & Safety Technician I – SECMG (Durango, CO)**

Closing date 2/10/15

Provides support and assistance in regulatory compliance activities specific to applicable environmental, health and safety (EHS) laws and regulations for all Growth Fund (GF) business enterprises.

**Geographic Information Systems and Pipeline Modeling Manager – Aka Energy Group (Durango, CO)**

Close date 2/11/15

Working with Engineering, Construction, Operations, Commercial, IT and other Aka Energy staff to develop and maintain an accurate and functional GIS system and corresponding hydraulic model of the pipeline system. Provide technical and management expertise on spatial technology projects in four main areas: GIS database creation and maintenance, project management and coordination, pipeline hydraulic modeling for current system and future development projects, and GPS/field management.

**Construction Superintendent – Aka Energy Group (Maljamar, NM)**

Close date 2/11/15

Managing field inspectors and other contract labor and services and for providing construction management support for company construction projects including pipeline systems, compression facilities, processing plants and associated facilities. Ensuring application of, and compliance with, all company and Growth Fund safety policies and procedures. Ensures that company construction standards are followed.

**Engineering Design Technician – Red Cedar Gathering Co. (Durango, CO)**

Close date 2/11/15

Assisting Engineering and Operations with maintenance of existing drawings and production of new drawings for Red Cedar Gathering Company (RCGC) facilities, to include generation of process flow diagrams, piping and instrument drawings, site layout drawings, mechanical, civil and electrical drawings, modifications to existing drawings, development of conceptual drawings, review of detailed project drawings.

### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

#### Tribal Deputy Coroner Vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest for persons interested in the appointed positions of Tribal Deputy Coroner. Qualifications are as follows:

- Must be at least twenty-one years of age
- Must have law enforcement experience
- Must be EMT certified or possess other similar medical training
- Must have a valid Drivers License for state of residency and be insurable under the Tribal vehicle insurance policy
- Must maintain a telephone for emergency notification purposes

The position is compensated at a rate of \$100 per call-out. The Coroner budget is administered by the Southern Ute Police Department and is available for advanced training and needed equipment. Please submit letter of interest for the Deputy Coroner to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737 – MS#10, Ignacio, Colorado 81137 OR in person at the Justice & Regulatory Administration Building at 71 Mike Frost Way by Feb. 20. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council for their consideration.

### In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation  
PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

**NOTICE OF PROBATE**

**In the Estate Of,**  
**Case No.: 2015-PR-132**  
**Kathleen Beatrice Frost, Deceased**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO:

Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof.

You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on February 23, 2015 at 3:00 PM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 27th of January, 2015  
Dolores Romero, Deputy Court Clerk

**NOTICE OF PROBATE**

**In the Estate Of,**  
**Case No.: 2015-PR-010**  
**Travis Veaux Blackbird, Deceased**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO:

Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof.

You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on March 2, 2015 at 3:00 PM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 23rd of January, 2015  
Dolores Romero, Deputy Court Clerk

### Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the HR website at [www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs](http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs). If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations. Applicants and employees, please be sure the Human Resources Department has your current contact information on file.

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE.

Human Resources Department: P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137  
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777  
Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

**Detention Sergeant**

Closing date 2/17/15

Under general supervision of the Detention Lieutenant, assist in the planning, organizing, and reviewing administrative and staffing functions and activities in the Detention Division. Pay grade 19; \$20.64/hour.

**Advanced Practice Nurse**

Closing date 2/20/15

Provides direct and comprehensive primary, preventive and therapeutic medical care to individuals across their lifespan. Clinical supervision by the Clinical Director. Will have access to the family practice physicians and clinical director for consultation and referrals.

**Food Service Cook**

Closing date 2/17/15

Assisting the Food Service Coordinator to facilitate all kitchen food service preparation and cleaning duties. Pay grade 13; \$11.59/hour.

**Certified Pharmacy Technician**

Closing date 2/20/15

Works under the supervision of a pharmacist and provides technical support of the pharmacy department at the Southern Ute Health Center. Pay grade 17; \$17.22/hour.

**Tribal Ranger**

Closing date 2/17/15

Under the general supervision of Wildlife Captain, assures compliance of all Tribal Natural Resource Codes, Laws, Ordinances, Regulations and Policies. Pay grade 18; \$18.80/hour.

**Construction Supervisor**

Closing date 2/18/15

Supervises Construction Services Division Crew Leaders and Heavy Equipment Supervisor in construction services. Pay grade 18; \$39,093/annual.

### Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

Visit our website at [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com) to view job openings and apply online.  
Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137  
TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome  
Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

**Bell Person (On-call)**

Closing date 2/9/15

Assisting our Casino guests upon check in and check out and throughout their stay under the direction of the Rooms Division Manager. Assistance may include; but not limited to: luggage assistance, directions/maps, providing our guest at Sky Ute Casino Resort with a warm welcome, helping the front desk with daily operations, driving guests to/from the airport and assisting with phones as needed. 21 years old+. High School diploma/equivalency. Must have at least 3 months of prior customer service. 6 months of prior hotel/motel (front of house) operations preferred. Must have valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

**Line Cook-Willows (Full-time)**

Closing date 2/6/15

Prepares the A La Carte menu in the Willows and is accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness. High School diploma/equivalency. 18 years old+. Must have at least 1 year cooking experience as a cook in a fast paced full service restaurant OR 6 months in house training. Must have knowledge of standards of food preparation, serving and kitchen procedures.

**\*Database Administrator/User Support (Full-time)**

Closing date 2/6/15

Provides database and systems maintenance and support for the various database systems in use at Sky Ute Casino Resort. Supports all systems on Casino property. Provides support for the departments as necessary in a 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year operation. Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or related field and 3 years experience in DBMS (Database Management System) or systems development, or equivalent experience. Preferably the experience will be in a client/server environment. Must have knowledge and experience in working with and supporting accounting systems. Preferably the experience will be in an Aristocrat Environment. Must have knowledge and experience in the development of database systems utilizing MS SQL Server. Preferably the applicant will be MS SQL certified. Must have experience in installation and configuration of Windows Server 2008 or 2012 in a clustered environment.

**\*Poker Dealer (On-call)**

Closing date 2/13/15

Deals the various games of Class 2 poker while promoting a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous, and efficient service. High School diploma/equivalency. 21 years old+. 6 months experience as a poker dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition.

**Fine Dining Busser (Full-time)**

Closing date 2/9/15

Duties include clearing off and sanitizing tables for the next group of guests, disposing of trash and other waste and keeping the restaurant stocked with adequate supplies such as plates: glasses, silverware and napkins. Busser will help cooks, servers, dishwashers and bartenders perform small tasks as needed. 18 years old+. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must have a minimum of 1 year experience in a luxury hotel, resort or fine dining restaurant.

**\*Slot Floor Supervisor (Temporary)**

Closing date 2/6/15

Daily operation and function of assigned shift as well as the ongoing supervision and support of Slot Floor personnel. The position ensures that guests are provided with a professional, friendly, and courteous gaming experience while adhering to all appropriate gaming regulations. Must be at least 21 years+. Must have High School Diploma/Equivalency. Prior Slot Floor experience required.

**Front Desk Staff (Full-time)**

Closing date 2/6/15

Providing quality guest services that include reservations, registration and check-out, PBX operations, mail and message service for hotel guests. Must be accurate with daily accounting procedures. Responds to telephone and in person inquiries regarding reservations, hotel information and guest concerns. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. 18 years old+. Must have previous experience in hotel front desk. Must have 3 months previous customer service experience. Must possess a valid driver's license and be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

**\*Slot Technician I (Full-time)**

Closing date 2/6/15

Day-to-day maintenance, repair, installation and relocation of slot machines and related devices. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years+. 1 year experience in a related field (slot machine repair, electronics, circuit boards, automotive, mechanical or computer repair) required. Must have basic knowledge of computer hardware and software. Must serve as a Slot Technician I for at least 3 months to gain proficiency and demonstrate ability to meet minimum qualifications for advancement into a Slot Technician II position.

*\*Must be at least 21 years old.*

### NOTICE OF TRIBAL COURT HEARING

**NOTICE OF SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COURT HEARING**  
**Priority Sales & Rentals v. Wahleah Dawn Frost**  
**Case No.: 14CV133, Date: March 9, 2015 at 9 a.m.**





SunUte Youth Basketball Schedule 2015				
<b>4 &amp; 5 YEAR OLDS</b>				
1. Lakers	Feb. 9 5:30 p.m.	2 vs 3	Feb. 23 5:30 p.m.	2 vs 4
2. Thunder	6 p.m.	4 vs 1	6 p.m.	1 vs 3
3. Celtics				
4. Clippers				
	<b>Feb. 16</b>		<b>March 2</b>	
	<b>NO GAMES</b>		5:30 p.m.	3 vs 4
			6:00 p.m.	1 vs 2
<b>6 &amp; 7 YEAR OLDS</b>				
1. Thunder	Feb. 17 5:30 p.m.	BYE-1 2 vs 7	March 10 5:30 p.m.	BYE-5 6 vs 4
2. Sixers	6:00 p.m.	3 vs 6	6:00 p.m.	7 vs 3
3. Warriors	6:30 p.m.	4 vs 5	6:30 p.m.	1 vs 2
4. Lakers				
5. Pacers				
6. Heat	Feb. 24 5:30 p.m.	BYE-4 5 vs 3	March 17 5:30 p.m.	BYE- 6 7 vs 5
7. Nets	6:00 p.m.	6 vs 2	6:00 p.m.	1 vs 4
	6:30 p.m.	7 vs 1	6:30 p.m.	2 vs 3
<b>Feb. 10</b>	BYE-3			
5:30 p.m.	4 vs 2			
6:00 p.m.	5 vs 1	<b>March 3</b>		
6:30 p.m.	6 vs 7	BYE-2		
		5:30 p.m.		
		6:00 p.m.		
		6:30 p.m.		
		5 vs 6		
<b>8 &amp; 9 YEAR OLDS</b>				
1. Lakers	Feb. 18 5:30 p.m.	BYE-1 2 vs 6	March 11 5:30 p.m.	BYE- 5 6 vs 7
2. Pacers	6:00 p.m.	3 vs 7	6:00 p.m.	3 vs 6
3. Thunder	6:30 p.m.	4 vs 5	6:30 p.m.	4 vs 2
4. Celtics				
5. Blazers				
6. Clippers	Feb. 25 5:30 p.m.	BYE-4 5 vs 7	March 18 5:00 p.m.	BYE-6 2 vs 7
7. Mavericks (Ute Mtn.)	6:00 p.m.	6 vs 1	6:00 p.m.	3 vs 5
	6:30 p.m.	2 vs 3	6:30 p.m.	4 vs 1
<b>Feb. 11</b>	BYE-3			
5:30 p.m.	2 vs 7			
6:00 p.m.	5 vs 1	<b>March 4</b>		
6:30 p.m.	6 vs 4	BYE-2		
		5:30 p.m.		
		6:00 p.m.		
		6:30 p.m.		
		5 vs 6		
<b>10 &amp; 11 YEAR OLDS</b>				
1. Warriors	Feb. 19 5:30 p.m.	BYE-1 3 vs 6	March 12 5:30 p.m.	BYE-5 6 vs 4
2. Clippers	6:10 p.m.	2 vs 7	6:10 p.m.	7 vs 3
3. Pacers	6:50 p.m.	4 vs 5	6:50 p.m.	1 vs 2
4. Heat				
5. Sixers				
6. Thunder	Feb. 26 5:30 p.m.	BYE-4 5 vs 3	March 19 5:30 p.m.	BYE-6 1 vs 4
7. Celtics	6:10 p.m.	7 vs 1	6:10 p.m.	7 vs 5
	6:50 p.m.	6 vs 2	6:50 p.m.	2 vs 3
<b>Feb. 12</b>	BYE-3			
5:30 p.m.	4 vs 2	<b>March 5</b>		
6:10 p.m.	6 vs 7	BYE-2		
6:50 p.m.	5 vs 1	5:30 p.m.		
		6:10 p.m.		
		6:50 p.m.		
		5 vs 6		

## Youth score at Elks shoot

Ignacio youth, Bird Red and Monica Lucero were both participants in the competitive Elks Hoop Shoot tournament held at Durango's Fort Lewis College on Sunday, Jan. 25. The competition involved a number of modest youth athletes competing for the top prize in basketball free-throws. Participants from across western Colorado were in attendance, including players from Durango, Cortez, Montrose, Hotchkiss, Delta, and Ignacio respectively.



Monica Lucero poses with her second place trophy in the Girls 10-11 category, during the Elks Hoop Shoot Contest at Fort Lewis College.



Bird Red is awarded a brand new basketball for his participation in the Elks Hoop Shoot Contest. Red was barely nudged out of the top three

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Ward finished off a 15-point long-distance blitz to make the margin at halftime an overwhelming 41-15.

"This is what he wants to see," Manzanares said, regarding Valdez's goals. "We talked about better passes and harder stepping to the ball, stuff like that...little things. But we're going to take care of that in practice."

Manzanares (17 points) began the third quarter with the team's ninth three-ball, and after a Hayes steal, leading to an Austin McCaw free throw, finished a breakaway with a layup to force a flustered Schwartz into a timeout with Dolores down 47-15.

Cruising into the fourth ahead 58-21, the Cats (10-2, 6-0 SJBL) twice held sway by 43 points, at 69-26 on Nick Herrera's humorously flat-footed 'jumper' – after getting hung up by the rim on an attempted dunk – in the lane and at 71-28 when the junior center elected to convert a much simpler lay-in than try for another jam.

Helping DHS (2-11, 2-6)

end the game on a 10-0 spree against Ignacio's youngest varsity call-ups, Bear senior Mikeal Ford booked the last five of his game-best 18 points. Reserve Stetson Hamilton recorded four, as did fellow backup Josh McCoy, but starters Jalen Balderrama and Brandon Donaldson each managed just three.

Hayes finished with 16, and Herrera totaled 14 despite 2-of-6 free-throw accuracy. Ward ended with seven points, Pardo his aforementioned six, Reynolds five, Austin McCaw four and Cole McCaw two.

And oh yeah, standout forward Adison Jones never even removed his warm-up shirt.

"We just wanted to come out with intensity, because we know we're missing our big man," Manzanares said of the rest-rewarded senior. "Just wanted to play hard for him ... come out with intensity and give a statement."

"Austin picked up the slack in there ... kicked butt on rebounds!" Valdez stated.

"He did his job, and that's what I liked. His job was to make sure he ... filled that spot, and he did it with class tonight. Absolute class."

IHS will then to head north on the Feb. 7 to test emerging Ouray – which stood 11-1, 5-1 prior to hosting local rival Ridgway on the 3rd – and then visit 3A Bayfield on the 10th before resuming SJBL duty inside SunUte Community Center on the 13th against RHS.

"We've got to take care of Mancos. They're going to be tough, you know, especially if we don't have Adi back yet," Valdez said. "But we'll play tough, not...afraid of them – they've got a big guy that we've got to match up with somehow – and when we come to Ouray we'll worry about Ouray. We're not scared of anybody."

OHS had descended from #5 to #8 in the Jan. 26th Class 1A rankings (and stayed there in the 2/2 edition).

"We're going to take it game by game," said Manzanares, "have fun and play hard ... let it talk for itself."

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even in the building, that problem could have been drastically exploited – especially by Elder, at both ends.

"Showed that I need to get a backup in a hurry to really know that offense!" joked a relieved Seibel afterwards. "Because we have specific positions, forwards and centers. They can co-mingle a little bit, but without Alejandra it really puts a crimp on things – you know, it really eliminates about half of our plays!"

"Last year we did a lot of read-and-react where we did those cuts – they dish it to me inside and I dish it back out to them – and I think it's just kind of automatic for me and the guards," Elder explained. "We've played together for so long...it just kind of happens without us even thinking about it, really."

Elder netted a team-high 12 points.

"We played really well as a team, I think. That's what really made us be a contender."

But also what ultimately lifted Ignacio to victory – strong second-half board work, led by Garcia, Baker

and freshman Avionne Gomez – helped limit chances of Elder, Umberger and Nicole Kibel in the clutch and IHS took the lead for good late in the fourth, at 34-33 on a Garcia layup of a Lujan backdoor look.

"Rebounds really helped us to get our plays done, and I think being put in that spot [foul trouble] really helped me to look up and move forward," said Lujan, who finished with six points and an unofficial nine caroms.

At last putting the Lady Bears down for the count, Gomez nailed a crippling trey to build the lead up to 37-33, and with 1:24 remaining Garcia coldly followed suit to make it a seven-point contest.

"Two big threes from the freshmen ... ignited us," Seibel said. "Hilda had a tough night shooting, but she's our shooter so you've got to continue to shoot ... and she did – capitalized on some great passes. And shouts out to Cortney and Sky [Cotton, senior guard] for their rebounding; they had some key rebounds at critical times."

"It was really tough to, you know, not have a sub and stay in basically the whole game," agreed Baker, held scoreless but with an unofficial five boards. "But...we didn't get down on ourselves; we kept pushing each other."

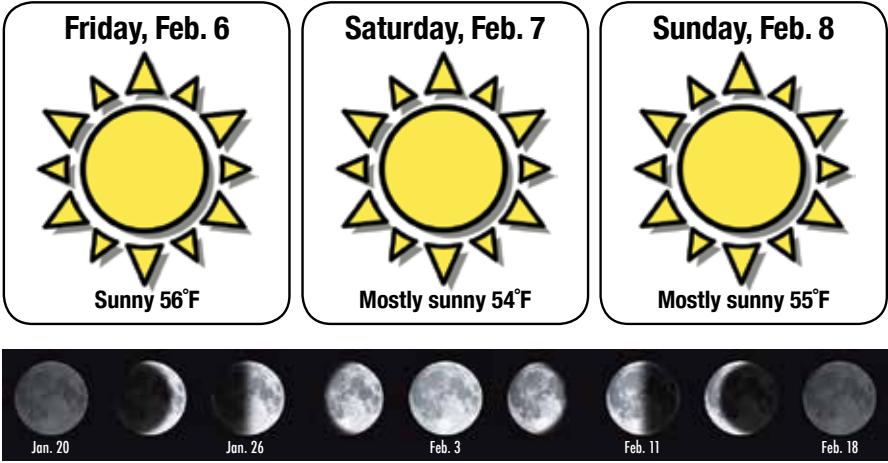
Garcia finished with 15 points to pace all players as the Lady Cats improved to 6-0 in league, 9-3 overall. Gomez booked nine and Cotton eight, including the game-icing two free throws, and junior Gibran Silva had four.

Kibel and Umberger each had seven for DHS (4-9, 3-7 SJBL), which made only seven FT's in 21 tries.

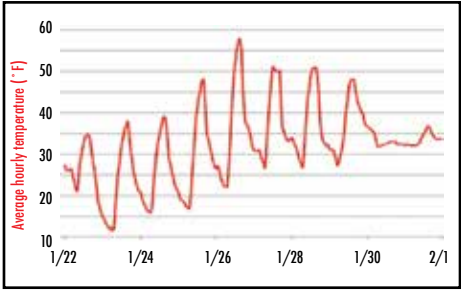
"Hats off to Dolores; [Schwartz] had them prepared. From when we played them first to now ... they've improved tremendously," said Seibel, his side 12-18 at the stripe. "It was a great game ... the way it should be!"

Up next, the Lady Cats – still a high 'Receiving Votes' crew in the CH-SAANow.com Class 2A poll – will travel to Ouray on Saturday, Feb. 7.

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

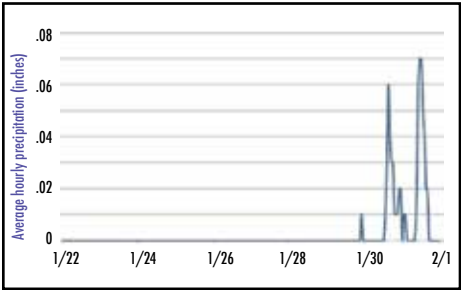


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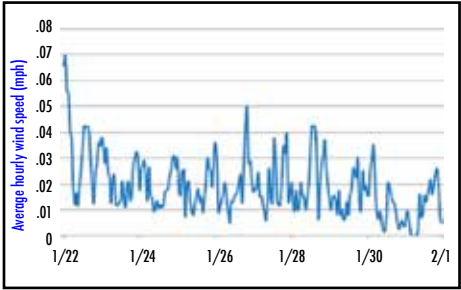
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High	57.7°
Low	11.5°
Average	32.1°
Average last year	29.8°



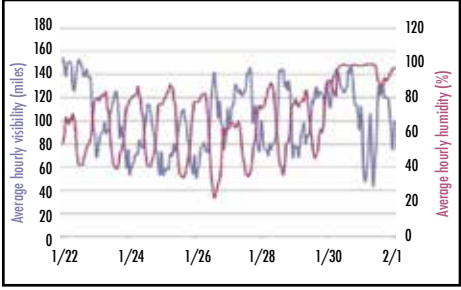
#### Precipitation

Total	0.650"
Total last year	0.250"



#### Wind speed

Average	3.9
Minimum	0.0
Maximum	13.9



#### Visibility & humidity

Average visibility	102.1
Average humidity	68.7%

#### Air quality

Good

Air quality descriptor: 43



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